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Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

Town of Middleton

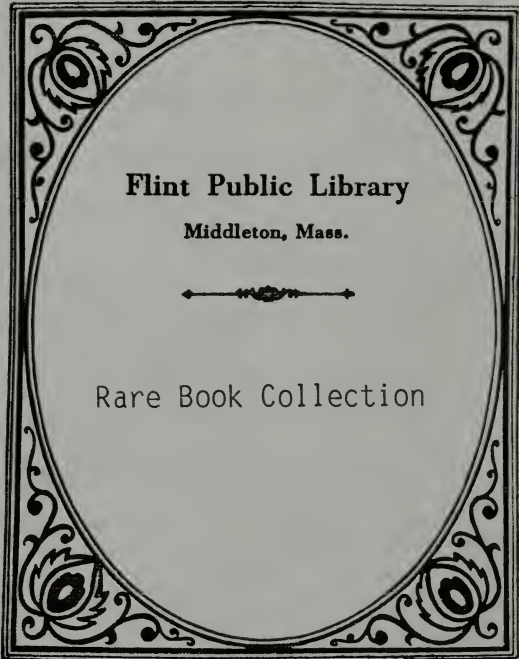
FOR THE

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REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor.....	\$54 00
B. P. Richardson, " "	52 65
O. L. Carlton, " "	56 25
S. A. Fletcher, as Treasurer.....	25 00
J. A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths.....	16 76
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector.....	66 17
Cyrus K. Wilkins, as Constable.....	15 00
M. J. Cheney, as School Committee.....	35 00
Ansel P. Tyler, " "	20 00
Hiram A. Stiles " "	30 00
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of weights and measures,	5 00
B. T. McGlaulin as Fish Warden.....	5 00
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\$388 83	

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1. Levi Curtis, Surveyor. Appropriation...	\$108 70
2. B. T. McGlaulin, " " ...	130 10
3. G. W. Brown, " " ...	73 00
4. Eli Soper, " " ...	55 00
5. John J. Coughlin, " " ...	55 00
6. Moses Peabody, " " ...	55 00
7. H. T. Sheldon, " " ...	67 10
8. Lyman S. Wilkins, " " ...	109 50
9. S. W. Peabody, " " ...	60 00
10. Sylvanus Flint, " " ...	66 00

E. W. Wilkins, labor and material.....	217 00
W. H. Hutchinson, labor and material.....	87 45
D. M. Esty, for gravel,.....	9 90
M. J. Emerson, repairing bridge.....	3 00
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	\$1,096 75

SNOW BILLS.

W. T. Martin, removing snow.....	\$ 3 60
S. M. Peabody, " " 	3 50
Sylvanus Flint, " " 	16 00
Addison Tyler, " " 	75
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	\$23 85

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn from State Aid from Feb. 1, 1882 to Feb. 1, 1883.....	\$205 00
Orders drawn for relief of Indigent Soldiers, from Feb. 22, 1882 to Feb. 22, 1883, as follows :	
Patrick Gillispie.....	125 80
Isaiah B. Peabody.....	123 00
Dennis Wells.....	96 00
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	\$549 80

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount of books on hand at the close of last year..	\$117 79
Amount of books purchased this year.....	89 52
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	\$207 31
Deduct amount of books now on hand.....	116 77
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Leaving amount of books sold.....	\$90 54

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

F. E. Campbell, cash paid for wood.....	\$ 3 29
F. E. Campbell, cash paid for supplies and cleaning,	3 57
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	4 05
F. E. Campbell, services as janitor.....	42 40
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	\$53 31
Due for coal.....	7 50
Balance in favor of the town.....	17 19
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	\$78 00

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for use of Hall.....	\$51 75
Due for use of hall.....	26 25
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	\$78 00

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Balance of last year's appropriation.....	\$ 59 85
Appropriation.....	100 00
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	\$159 85
Deduct amount drawn.....	89 00
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Leaving amount undrawn.....	\$ 70 85

MISCELLANEOUS.

J. H. Choate & Co., printing town reports.....	\$ 21 00
Danvers Water Board, water at Cemetery.....	6 00
Thomas Carlin, labor at Cemetery.....	50 00
W. A. Phelps, administering oaths.....	1 00
Foote & Horton, order book.....	6 00
M. E. Tyler, care of and supplies for lamp.....	8 48
M. E. Tyler, use of team.....	1 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	20

J. M. Peabody, care of street lamp.....	6 00
J. J. Grothe, Hydrant wrenches and ladder Hooks,	2 75
Cogswell & Co., expressage.....	1 60
J. W. Russell, services as sexton.....	10 00
Flint Public Library.....	89 00
Amount paid to fireman.....	27 00
Jesse W. Peabody, discount allowed on taxes.....	252 48
M. J. Tewksbury, school books.....	3 78
Knight, Adams & Co., school books.....	66 24
VanAntwerp, Bragg & Co., school books.....	19 50
J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town.....	3 00
J. A. Batchelder, books, car-fare, postage etc.,....	7 10
Abatements.....	18 99
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	\$601 12

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

L. G. McIntire, teaching Grammar School.....	\$140 00
M. E. Burrill, " " " ".....	210 00
O. R. Graves, " Primary " ".....	324 00
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	57 50
Albert C. Cheney, services as janitor.....	20 00
Albert C. Cheney, sawing wood.....	1 50
Edward Peabody, " " " ".....	2 50
Ezra O. Richardson, services as janitor.....	15 00
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	11 33
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	\$781.83

EAST SCHOOL.

Charles S. Averill, teaching.....	\$324 00
M. J. Peabdy, care of fires.....	6 00
M. J. Peabody, sawing wood.....	6 50

A. P. Averill, wood.....	18 20
Willie H. Gilbert, care of fires.....	3 50
Frank L. Gilbert, " " "	3 50
William Berry, wood.....	5 00
O. S. Carlton, wood.....	14 62—\$381 32

NORTH SCHOOL.

P. M. Tracy, teaching.....	\$108 00
Lettie A. Hatch, teaching.....	216 00
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	18 64
Myron G. Berry, care of fires.....	10 00
" " sawing wood.....	3 00
Arthur E. Berry, wood and sawing....	6 00—\$361 64
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	\$1,524 79
Balance due the schools.....	118 28
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	\$1,643 07

Balance due the schools last year... \$	43 70
Town appropriation for schools....	1,300 00
Am't rec'd from State School Fund	214 76
Am't rec'd from dog licenses.....	84 61—\$1,643 07

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Charles S. Averill, blackboards and bell.....	\$ 1 85
J. H. Choate & Co., printing school reports.....	13 00
D. M. Esty, use of well 1881.....	3 00
J. F. Porter, chairs.....	2 70
E. K. Graves, setting glass.....	2 55
Elmira Commia, cleaning school room.....	5 00
Mary Lever, " " "	16 00
Fred S. Flint, labor at East School House.....	1 00
Farnham Stiles, use of well and repairs.....	4 10
W. A. Phelps, repairs on School House.....	2 00
G. B. Flint, " " " "	1 75
Boston School Supply Co., supplies.....	4 49

Boston School Supply Co., metric apparatus.....	20 00
Boston School Supply Co., report cards.....	1 50
Dennis Wells, repairs.....	5 50
A. P. Tyler, supplies.....	2 10
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies.....	6 34
M. E. Tyler, supplies.....	20 20
J. J. Grothe, use of well and repairs.....	5 25
M. J. Cheney, cash paid for expressage and repairs	1 40
M. J. Cheney, supplies.....	95
D. M. Esty, use of well, 1882.....	3 00
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	\$123 68

Overseers' Department.

Abisha Higgins, wood for Samuel Curry and family \$	5 50
M. J. Emerson, " " " " " "	3 25
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Samuel Curry and family.....	56 13
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Samuel Curry and family	3 00
A. W. Peabody, " " " " " "	9 15
Dr. Batchelder, medical attendance on Samuel Curry.....	19 50
Town of Danvers, supplies for Richard Tiernan and family.....	141 13
Town of Danvers, supplies for Rufus Silver and family.....	274 75
Batchelder & Co., Coal for Rufus Silver and family	4 00
Lois Peabody, Board for Flint Esty.....	133 00
John W. Peabody, " " " " " "	2 75
A. W. Peabody, Clothing for Flint Esty.....	5 13
Dr. Allen, medical attendance " " " " " "	6 00
Oren Peabody, Board of Mary Peabody.....	12 00
Samuel Wilkins, " " " " " "	12 76
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould	52 00
Town of Peabody, Board for Rhoda Daniels.....	38 14
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp house..	4 88

Batchelder & Co., coal for tramp house.....	8 50
T. J. Hutchinson, printing.....	3 90
B. T. McGlauffin, aid rendered William Freeman,	10 37
House of Correction, Board for Richard Green...	1 43
City of Salem, supplies for Henry Mansfield.....	56 88
A. W. Peabody, services and cash paid.....	14 00
J. B. Sinclair, " " " "	7 25
B. T. McGlauffin, " " " "	15 17

Amount of orders drawn by the Overseers.....	\$900 57
Unsettled bills of this year.....	60 00
Due from North Reading.....	\$ 96 53
" " the State.....	39 82
Unsettled bills of last year paid.....	62 00
Whole cost of supporting the poor.....	762 22
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	\$960 57 \$960 57

Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	\$ 388 83
Highways and Bridges.....	1,096 75
Removing snow.....	23 85
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers.....	549 80
Town Hall expenses.....	53 31
Miscellaneous.....	601 12
Schools.....	1,524 79
Incidental School Expenses.....	123 68
Poor Department.....	900 57
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Total amount of orders drawn.....	\$5,262 70

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax.....	\$540 00
County Tax.....	440 87
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	\$980 87

The selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :

Current Expenses.....	\$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest.....	400 00
Schools.....	1,200 00
Highways.....	800 00
Bridges.....	100 00
Public Library.....	75 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$5,125 00

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Tax list of 1882\$6,621 84

CR.

Am't paid Treasurer on list of 1882..\$4,953 15

“ of County Tax paid..... 440 87

Uncollected on tax list of 1882 1,227 82

\$6,621 84

DR.

Bal. of tax list of 1881 as per last year's report..\$1,203 75

Interest collected..... 29 26

\$1,233 01

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1881.....\$884 23

Uncollected on tax list of 1881..... 348 78

\$1,233 01

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CUR-
RENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1883.

DR.

To balance of last year's account.....	\$2,551 74
To cash of State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	60 15
B. T. McGlauffin.....	3 00
North Reading.....	99 54
Dracut.....	12 00
O. L. Carlton.....	100 00
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	106 23
" " bank tax.....	161 46
" " state aid.....	216 00
" " relief of indigent soldiers	66 50
" " school fund.....	214 76
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded...	84 61
Town of Danvers, gravel.....	1 20
F. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall...	51 75
Different persons, for cemetery lots...	12 00
E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license.....	3 00
M. E. Tyler, school books.....	90 54
S. F. Esty, on tax of 1880.....	70 84
Jesse W. Peabody, on tax of 1881....	884 23
J. W. Peabody, collector, on tax of 1882	4,953 15
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	\$9,742 70

CR.

By cash paid on note.....	\$ 500 00
as interest on notes.....	425 00
for standard weight.....	3 00
State Treasurer, state tax	540 00
on Selectmen's and Over-	
seer's orders.....	5,268 16
Balance in Treasury.....	3,006 54
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	\$9,742 70

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....	\$445,545 00
Personal Estate.....	64,108 00
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	\$509,653 00

Number of Polls, 253.

Tax on Polls	\$ 506 00
Rate of Taxation \$1.20 per \$100.	
Tax on Real Estate.....	5,346 54
Tax on Personal Estate.....	769 30
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	\$6,621 84

Amount voted by the town for current expenses,	\$2,000 00
“ “ “ reduction town debt,	500 00
“ “ “ interest	450 00
“ “ “ schools	1,300 00
“ “ “ highways.....	1,100 00
“ “ “ library.....	100 00
“ “ “ cemetery.....	50 00
State tax.....	540 00
County tax.....	440 87
Overlay on taxes.....	140 97
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	\$6,621 84

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Flint Public Library.....	\$2,500 00
Town Hall and land.....	7,000 00
School Houses “	8,800 00
Lock-up “	500 00
Cemetery.....	500 00
Hearse and House.....	400 00
Fire Apparatus.....	600 00
Gravel Pit	50 00
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	\$20,850 00

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent. .	\$8,500 00
“ due the schools.....	118 28
“ outstanding orders.....	8 35
“ due the library.....	70 85
“ of unsettled bills.....	100 00
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	\$8,797 48

ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account. .	\$3,006 54
Due for State aid reimbursements.....	205 00
Due from State for relief of indigent soldiers....	172 40
Due from State on pauper account.....	39 82
Due from North Reading on pauper account....	96 53
Due from State for corporation tax.....	50 00
Due for cemetery lots.....	44 00
School books on hand.....	116 77
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1880.....	19 22
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1881.....	348 78
Amount of uncollected taxes of 1882.....	1,227 82
Balance against the town.....	3,470 60
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	\$8,797 48

Decrease in town debt.....\$1,355 45

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER,	} Selectmen of Middleton.
B. P. RICHARDSON,	
O. L. CARLTON.	

Middleton, Feb. 23, 1883.

Flint Public Library.

THE TRUSTEES OF FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY HEREWITH
PRESENT THEIR FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT.

It seems that the number of books circulated during the past year is not so large as in the few preceding years, but those who are acquainted with the facts in the case will readily preceive that this is owing partly to the removal from town of many who were constant readers; some of our readers have been removed by death, while others have been too busy to take out as many books as formerly.

Some of the books of the Library are getting somewhat dilapidated, many have been rebound, some for the second time and we would take this opportunity to caution those who take books, or have the care of the young people who take them, to see that the books are carefully handled.

We have the pleasure of announcing the addition to the Library of 109 new books recently purchased, also quite a number which have been presented, including 114 volumes formerly belonging to the two Social Library organizations which have existed in town.

Owing to an unavoidable delay in getting the Supplements ready they have not been in circulation before.

William A. Phelps,
Joseph A. Batchelder,
Ansel P. Tyler,
Samuel A. Fletcher.
James Flint,
Gilman A. Kimball.

} Trustees.

Middleton, Feb. 1. 1883.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library Feb. 1, 1882.....	2,617
Books purchased.....	109
“ Presented by James Flint.....	2
“ “ Mary H. Flint.....	1
“ “ William A. Phelps.....	2
“ “ William Western, bound volumes,	3
“ “ “ “ unbound “	4
“ “ Swendenborg Publishing Asso'n.	8
Catalogue of the Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.	1

Total2,747

Books taken out of Library from Feb. 1, 1882 to Feb.

1, 1883.....6,054

Whole number of cards issued to date not including
those which are to replace others.....605

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1883.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of the Town.....	\$ 89 00
“ from unexpended money of Mr. Flint	110 04
“ “ sale of catalogues, fines, cards, and book marks.....	11 80—\$210 84
Paid for preparing supplement to the old catalogue.....	\$ 12 00
“ Librarian's salary, 1 year.....	64 00
“ for repairing books.....	12 25
“ “ paper to cover books.....	2 45
“ “ new books.....	112 44
“ car fare to Boston and writing paper	1 60
“ expressage and kerosene.....	1 10
“ mucilage, etc.....	39
“ car fare to Danvers.....	30
In Treasurer's hands.....	4 31—\$210 84

There is a balance in Danvers Savings Bank of \$71 00.

WM. A. PHELPS, Treasurer.

Middleton, Feb. 20th, 1883.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To Cyrus K. Wilkins, Constable of the Town
of Middleton, in the County of Essex,*

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on MONDAY, the fifth day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To see if the town will accept the provisions of section sixty-nine and the four following sections of chapter twenty-seven of the Public Statutes, and elect three overseers of the poor, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and thereafter at the annual meeting elect one overseer of the poor to serve for three years.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 6. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the election and compensation of firemen.

ART. 10. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton pond.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 12. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money, in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

ART. 13. To vote upon the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by separate ballot; and the ballot shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to said question.

ART. 14. To act on the following article contained in a petition to the selectmen, signed by J. W. Russell and seven others; To see if the town will grant to Mrs. Susan A. Stewart the same privilege in regard to taxation that the law allows to widows.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to paint the Town Hall the present year.

ART. 16. To act on the following article contained in a petition of J. A. Hutchinson and thirteen others: To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to petition the Eastern Railroad Company to station a flagman at the crossing on the road leading to Danvers; or take any other action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D., 1883.

JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER.	}	Selectmen
O. LORING CARLTON.		of
B. P. RICHARDSON.		Middleton.

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